

Department of Social and Health Services

**DP Code/Title: M2-ZW DD Parent Participation**  
**Program Level - 010 Children's Administration**

Budget Period: 2001-03 Version: A3 010 2001-03 2003 Sup Agency Req

**Recommendation Summary Text:**

This request restores funds in the Children's Administration (CA) and Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS) that were removed in the 2002 Supplemental Budget on the assumption that the legislation needed to authorize the Division of Child Support to assess and collect child support from parents of children with developmental disabilities would pass.

**Fiscal Detail:**

**Operating Expenditures**

	<u>FY 1</u>	<u>FY 2</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Overall Funding</b>			
001-1 General Fund - Basic Account-State	0	690,000	690,000
001-A General Fund - Basic Account-DSHS Fam Support/Chi	0	122,000	122,000
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>812,000</b>	<b>812,000</b>

**Staffing**

**Package Description:**

The 2002 Supplemental budget assumed the Division of Child Support would collect child support payments for DDS and CA from the parents of children being supported in the Foster Care and Voluntary Placement Program (VPP). The child support recoveries collected were to be used to offset the costs associated with the care and maintenance of children in Foster Care and VPP. The bill that would have authorized the child support collection did not pass, leaving CA and DDS with no authority to collect these funds.

CA savings were estimated at \$100 per month for 677 children, totaling \$812,000 (\$690,000 GF-S), and savings to DDS were estimated at \$150 per month for a total of \$720,000 GF-S. These funds were removed from the operating budget.

This proposal would return \$812,000 (\$690,000 GF-State) to CA and \$720,000 to DDS for Fiscal Year 2003.

**Narrative Justification and Impact Statement**

***How contributes to strategic plan:***

This proposal supports CA goals that children will be safe from Abuse and Neglect, and improve capacity to achieve better outcomes for children and families.

This proposal supports DD goals that effectively and efficiently use resources to accomplish values, principals and mission.

***Performance Measure Detail***

**Program: 010**

**Goal: 01A Children will be safe from abuse and neglect**

**Incremental Changes**

**FY 1 FY 2**

**Output Measures**

1AA Number of child abuse/neglect referrals accepted for investigation.

**Goal: 05A Improve capacity to achieve better outcomes for children and families.**

**Incremental Changes**

**FY 1 FY 2**

**Efficiency Measures**

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3A9      Average number of open cases carried per social worker at  
fiscal year end.

***Reason for change:***

The legislation authorizing the collection of child support from parents of developmentally disabled children in Foster Care and VPP did not pass, and CA and DDS have no means of collecting these funds.

***Impact on clients and services:***

This request restores funding to the Foster Care and the VPP programs, preventing reductions in other client services.

If the funds that were removed from DDS budget are returned, the services to children currently enrolled in the program can continue at their assessed level.

***Impact on other state programs:***

None

***Relationship to capital budget:***

None

***Required changes to existing RCW, WAC, contract, or plan:***

None

***Alternatives explored by agency:***

If funding is not restored in CA, other services for children will be reduced to divert funds to support Foster Care.

The VPP was lidded in the 2001-03 Biennium Budget. There is now a waiting list for these services, adding children currently served in the program retain their funding after they age out at 21. This reduces the funding for those remaining in the program. A reduction of an additional \$720,000 would require service reductions for clients remaining in the program.

***Budget impacts in future biennia:***

This is a one-time cost.

***Distinction between one-time and ongoing costs:***

These services are ongoing, however, saving was built into the 2003-05 Biennium Budget. Assuming passage of legislation to support collecting from all parents with children in Foster Care and the VPP.

***Effects of non-funding:***

Additional service reductions would be required.

***Expenditure Calculations and Assumptions:***

The 2002 Supplemental Budget assumed the following:

DDS - 400 children x 12 months x \$150 = \$720,000

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CA - 677 children x 12 months x \$100 = \$812,000

**Object Detail**

**Overall Funding**

N      Grants, Benefits & Client Services

**FY 1**

**FY 2**

**Total**

0

812,000

812,000

**DSHS Source Code Detail**

**Overall Funding**

**Fund 001-1, General Fund - Basic Account-State**

**Sources   Title**

0011      General Fund State

**FY 1**

**FY 2**

**Total**

0

690,000

690,000

*Total for Fund 001-1*

**0**

**690,000**

**690,000**

**Fund 001-A, General Fund - Basic Account-DSHS Fam Support/Chi**

**Sources   Title**

658L      Title IV-E-Foster Care (50%)

0

122,000

122,000

*Total for Fund 001-A*

**0**

**122,000**

**122,000**

**Total Overall Funding**

**0**

**812,000**

**812,000**